

minister the customary oaths to witnesses, all process to be signed by the Clerk of the House of Representatives under its seal, and be served by the Sergeant at Arms of the House or his special messenger; to sit during the sessions of the House until adjournment sine die of Sixty-eighth Congress, and thereafter until said inquiry is completed, and report to the Sixty-ninth Congress.

SEC. 2. That said special committee be, and the same is hereby, authorized to employ such stenographic and clerical assistance as they may deem necessary, and all expenses incurred by said special committee, including the expenses of such committee when sitting in or outside of the District of Columbia, shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives on vouchers ordered by said committee, signed by the chairman of said committee: *Provided, however,* That the total expenditures authorized by this resolution shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000.

Expenses to be paid from House contingent fund.

Proviso.
Amount limited.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 488.—Joint Resolution Authorizing and directing the Secretary of Agriculture to waive one-half of the grazing fees for the use of the national forests during the calendar year 1925.

March 3, 1925.
[H. J. Res. 375.]
[Pub. Res., No. 68.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, in his discretion, under regulations to be prescribed by him, to waive any part of or all requirements in respect of grazing fees for the use of national forests in drought-stricken regions during the calendar year 1925 or any part of such calendar year.

National forests.
Grazing fees may be waived, etc., in drought-stricken areas during 1925.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 489.—Joint Resolution Empowering the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint a Member-elect of the Sixty-ninth Congress as a member of the Commission in Control of the House Office Building.

March 3, 1925.
[H. J. Res. 382.]
[Pub. Res., No. 69.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Congress is hereby empowered to appoint a Member-elect of the House of Representatives to the Sixty-ninth Congress as a member of the Commission in Control of the House Office Building until the election of a Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Congress.

House Office Building.
Appointment authorized of a Member-elect of Sixty-ninth Congress on Commission in Control of.
Vol. 32, p. 1114.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 521.—An Act To provide for the establishment of a probation system in the United States courts, except in the District of Columbia.

March 4, 1925.
[S. 1042.]
[Public, No. 596.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the courts of the United States having original jurisdiction of criminal actions, except in the District of Columbia, when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public, as well as the defendant, will be subserved thereby, shall have power, after conviction or after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for any crime or offense not punishable by death or life imprisonment, to suspend the imposition or execution of sentence and to place the defendant upon probation for such period and upon such terms and conditions as they may deem best; or the court may

United States courts.
In criminal actions defendant may be placed upon probation after conviction, etc.